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GLOBE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING SAN CARLOS APACHE INDIAN WOMAN

PHOENIX -- The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on September 22, 2004, Theodore Cienfuegos, DOB 9/23/59, of Globe, Ariz., pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury in federal district court in Phoenix.

Cienfuegos had been charged with violating Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 1111 (Second Degree Murder), 113(a)(3) (Assault with a Dangerous Weapon) and 113(a)(6) (Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury). Involuntary manslaughter (18 U.S.C. Section 1112) is a lesser included offense of Second Degree Murder. The defendant had been accused of killing Billie Jean Noline by running over her with his car in an area of the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation known as the Windmill.

A conviction for Involuntary manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of six years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury carries a maximum penalty of ten years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before Judge Frederick Martone on January 18, 2005. The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The prosecution is being handled by Ann Birmingham Scheel, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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